

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, OCTOBER 1981

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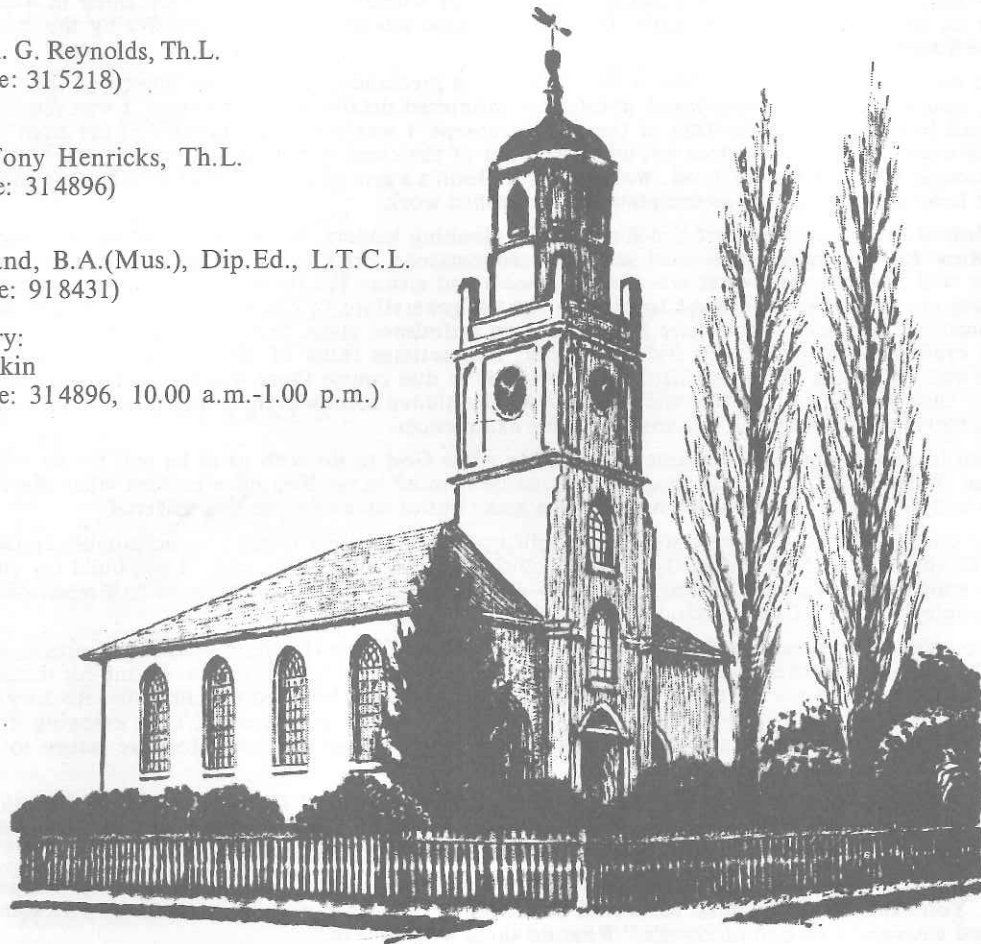
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday; 10.00 a.m. First, Third and Fifth Sunday.
7.00 p.m. Fourth Sunday. **Family Service:** 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday.

Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

Evening Prayer: 7.00 p.m. First, Second, Third and Fifth Sundays.

WEEKDAY SERVICES: (In the Chapel)

Daily Office: 8.00 a.m. Monday to Saturday (Holy Communion, Saints' Day).
Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

THE ACTING RECTOR WRITES:

My dear Parishioners,

Long ago there lived an artist named Piranesi. I would not have mentioned him or his work except for the reason that he was a unique etcher. His engravings were large in format and depicted fanciful designs of architecture. They showed intricate interiors of prisons—massive forbidding structures yet strangely winsome because of the manner in which stone arches arose in tiers, forming an impressive pile of strength. The mass of stone was made more impressive by the contrasting slender ladders and diminutive human figures.

We have no such prison, but we have a church where is proclaimed the glorious liberty of the Children of God. As I sat in St. John's, contemplating its beauty and noting the unfinished details in the structure, I was reminded of Piranesi and the soaring sequence in stone in the structure of the north transept. I was not only reminded of the artist's engravings but thought of the glorious sound of the organ close by, and the blend of the choir and congregation as together in sound and structure we praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord. We have in St. John's a gem of ecclesiastical architecture and must preserve what we have inherited from the past, as well as complete the unfinished work.

I was pleased to see our architect and his assistant climbing ladders, measuring, counting the courses of brick and stone—all in preparation for the riggers, who erect scaffolds, stonemasons, bricklayers and artisans who will soon be working on the exterior. They will be preserving what we already possess and ensure the future of the fane for those who will worship here when our voices are silent. We are bound to provide for the generations to come. Some of the stones have fretted with age and must be replaced or resurfaced. Some have been left in an unfinished state. Some are but rough ashlar which must be worked on by master craftsmen to reveal their hidden beauty. I sometimes think of Michael Angelo at Carara selecting his massive marble blocks and visualising the possibilities latent within. In due course there was revealed that magnificent sculptured form of such beauty that we stand off in awe and admiration. The hidden form was there all the time, but it needed the handwork of the master craftsman to cut away the unnecessary marble excrescences.

We are all likewise rough and unattractive until we allow God to do with us as he will for he can see in us the good that no-one else can. We must allow the changes until Christ be formed in us. You have no idea what the result might be, but rest assured that it will be good. It is amazing what God can make out of such unpromising material.

St. Peter said, "You also, as lively stones are built up into a spiritual house . . . acceptable to God by Christ Jesus." We are all precious stones in God's building. Let God do with us as he wills. Jesus said, "I will build my church"—we are the poor material from which He will create a thing of beauty—a joy forever. So we look forward to a renovated St. John's Church and a revitalised people—all to the Glory of God.

I have received letters from your Rector-elect, the Reverend Ernest Horth, in which he expresses joyful anticipation as he with his family prepare to come to Launceston in early December. He sends his love to all and his thanks for continuing prayer for them. We will continue to work and pray for their future. There has been work done in the Rectory. It is over a century old and needed to be brought up-to-date in some respects. As one filling an interregnum, I am enjoying it. Eunice and I are doing what we can to guide the changes and see the renovations come to completion before we return to our own little home at Margate.

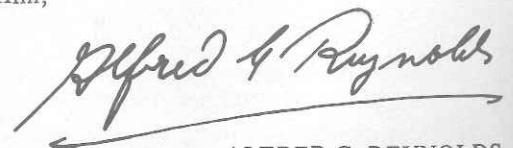
There is still room for new choir members. What does membership of the choir demand? Devotion, time, energy. Those who are ready to give of their talents and continuous devotion will be most welcome. Service within the sanctuary is specially rewarding. It is an enrichment to life as well as being an expression of joy in service.

With regard to regularity in attendance at worship. Remember what St. Thomas missed by not being with them the previous Sunday. You can't afford to miss. He would be a poor lover who never met his beloved! We sometimes sing:— "We love the place O God wherein thine honour dwells." What do these words mean?

During his earthly ministry Jesus never relied on novelty to attract his hearers. Neither do we at St. John's, but we do welcome every opportunity within the Church's calendar or within the civic opportunities to gather together for worship and to adore. We, as God's family, come as often as we can for prayer, praise or to hear his Word proclaimed. This is our joy. Our way of life and our way of expressing our love to God and to each other.

May God continue to bless us all.

Yours in Him,



ALFRED G. REYNOLDS
Acting Rector.

WOMENS' GUILD

The recent fund-raising functions "A Pictorial Adventure" and the Morning Tea have boosted the Guild's funds considerably and we thank all who supported them.

The present project of the Guild is furnishing the guest room at the Rectory.

At the next meeting on 8th October, Mrs. Nona Whittle who teaches in the Children's Ward at the Launceston General Hospital, will be guest speaker.

Supper hostesses: Mesdames Whitmore, Fletcher and Long.

MOTHERS' UNION

St. John's Mothers' Union will hold a Luncheon on 21st October, 12 noon/2 p.m., donation \$4.00. Proceeds will be in aid of the Clarendon Children's Home and Mothers' Union funds. Please come and bring a friend. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and Mothers' Union members. Members are reminded that "Cents for the Children of Armagh"—\$2.00—are now due and may be paid to the Treasurer or brought to the November meeting.

The Australian Church Women World Community Day will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel, Elizabeth Street on Monday, 26th October, at 2 p.m. Speaker: Captain Jeffries. Afternoon tea and stall. ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH MOST WELCOME.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 12th October at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Nolan.

The September meeting was held in the nurses' lounge at the hospital and we were delighted that so many of our members took the opportunity of seeing the improvements to the hospital, especially the chapel.

Our thanks to Matron Tucker and Mr. Gill, the Secretary, for affording us this opportunity.

On Thursday, 5th November, stalls will be held in the hospital grounds with combined Auxiliaries (not afternoon tea as previously stated), commencing at 12.30 p.m. We would welcome gifts of cakes, preserves, vegetables etc. for the stalls. This will be a chance for you to purchase your weekend cakes etc.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

We are busily working for our Annual Fair to be held on Saturday, 21st November in the Parish Centre from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It is three weeks later this year.

There will be the usual well stocked stalls and morning tea. The Work Stall will be showing many useful items suitable for Christmas gifts, reasonably priced. Please come and buy and help us to have another record Fair and so swell the amount in our Church Carpet Account. Donations of any kind gratefully received.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

November is box opening time and boxes may be handed in now and so avoid all that "end of year rush". Boxes may be left in the Parish Office or contact Celia Hill, 'phone 26 1877 for collection.

YOUTH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

On Sunday, 11th October at 2.30 p.m., there will be a Youth Festival of Music in St. John's Church. Those

taking part include the Northern Tasmanian Youth Orchestra, Northern Tasmanian Training Orchestra and the St. Cecilia Junior String Orchestra.

Launceston Grammar is sending a Recorder Consort and Choir, and St. Andrew's Junior Choir is also contributing to the programme.

Soloists include Gaylene Cohen—organ, Richard Clark—trumpet, Penelope Sharp—'cello, with Dianne Giblin—piano and Kendal Hodgman—violin.

Admission is by programme—\$2.00 adults, \$1.00 pensioners and children under 18 years. Proceeds for the Launceston Chamber Music Club's Scholarship Fund which it is hoped will one day send one of our talented young people abroad for further study.

Please come and enjoy an afternoon of first-class musical enthusiasm!

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 11th October, at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home):—

L. Brain, M. Clare, P. Dixon, D. Gill, V. Murgatroyd, L. Knowles, J. Roberts, D. Sheldrick, K. and A.M. Lillico.

ORGANISER FOR THE ROSTER NEEDED!

Lesley and Bill Donaldson have organised the Meals on Wheels roster for about five years and would like a rest after this length of time. Is there a volunteer who would take on this very worthwhile duty to relieve the Donaldsons? Please contact the Clergy or the Parish Office (between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.) if you can assist. Our thanks are due to Lesley and Bill for taking on this responsibility for so long.

CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRYMEN AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1981/82

Rector's Warden — Mr. M. M. Easter.
 People's Wardens — Mr. D. Gill, Mr. J. Roberts.
 Vestry—Rector's Nominations— Mr. T. B. Butler, Mr. F. Duffy, Mr. G. Clark.
 Elected — Mr. C.R. Cleary, Mr. G. Swinerton, Mr. A.J. Green, Mr. A. Walsh, Dr. D. Wall, Mr. D. Plumridge.

APPOINTMENTS:

Secretary — Mr. G. Swinerton.
 Treasurer — Mr. J. Roberts.

Finance Committee

Mr. J. Roberts (convenor), Mr. C.R. Cleary, Mr. A.J. Green, Mr. M. Easter, Mr. T.B. Butler.

Property Committee

Mr. D. Gill (convenor)
 Mr. G.R. Swinerton
 Mr. F. Duffy
 Mr. A.G. Walsh
 Mr. J. Stevenson (co-opted)
 Mr. J.E.N. Smith "
 Mrs. O. Harris "

Pastoral Committee

In recess until arrival of our new Rector.

Orford Committee

Mr. M. Easter, Mr. T.B. Butler, Mrs. M. Easter (co-opted), Mr. B. Easter (co-opted).

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

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| 1 | Thursday | 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. | 15 | Thursday | 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 2 | Friday | 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
8.15 p.m. Launceston Philharmonic Society—Puccinia Mass in St. John's. | 16 | Friday | 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. |
| 3 | Saturday | 9.30 a.m./12 noon Sunday School Market. | 18 | ORDINARY SUNDAY 29 | |
| 4 | ORDINARY SUNDAY 27 | | | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | | 7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. | | 9.30 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | | 9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish. | | 10.00 a.m. | Sunday School. |
| | | 10.00 a.m. Sunday School. | | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. | | 11.15 a.m. | Confirmation Class. |
| | | 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class. | | 7.00 p.m. | Evening Prayer. |
| | | 2.30 p.m. Ecumenical Service for the Handicapped. | 19 | Monday | 10.00 a.m. A.C.W. meeting (Launceston Branch). |
| | | 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. | 20 | Tuesday St. Luke's Day | |
| 6 | Tuesday | 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| 7 | Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion C.M.S. House. | | 7.45 p.m. | Mothers' Union. |
| | | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. | | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. |
| | | 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. | 21 | Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion C.M.S. House. |
| | | 8.00 p.m. Property Committee. | | | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| 8 | Thursday | 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. | | | 12 noon/2 p.m. Mothers' Union Luncheon. |
| | | 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. | | | 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. |
| | | 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild. | 22 | Thursday | 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. |
| 9 | Friday | 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. | | | 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 10 | Saturday | C.E.B.S. — Leader Training (all day). | 23 | Friday | 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. |
| 11 | ORDINARY SUNDAY 28 | | 25 | ORDINARY SUNDAY 30 | |
| | | 7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish. | | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | 9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish. | | 9.30 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | | 10.00 a.m. Family Service. | | 10.00 a.m. | Morning Prayer. |
| | | 11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels. | | Family Day at Myrtle Park (Parishioners are asked to arrive at 10.15 a.m. for a Service to commence at 10.30 a.m.) | |
| | | 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class. | | 11.15 a.m. | Confirmation Class. |
| | | 2.30 p.m. Youth Festival of Music (Launceston Chamber Music Club). | | 7.30 p.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. | 27 | Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend. |
| 12 | Monday | 9.30 a.m. A.C.W. Executive meeting. | | | 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship. |
| | | 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. | 28 | Wednesday St. Simon and St. Jude's Day | |
| 13 | Tuesday | 6.00 p.m. Men's Tea. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship. | | 9.15 a.m. | Bible Discussion C.M.S. House. |
| 14 | Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion C.M.S. House. | | 10.20 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. | | 6.00 p.m. | G.F.S. |
| | | 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. | 29 | Thursday | 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. |
| | | 7.30 p.m. Vestry. | | | 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| | | | 30 | Friday | 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. |